

Senate Resolution 1097

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Bulloch of the 11th, Hill of the 4th, Heath of the 31st,
Thomas of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails for its dedication to the
2 development of historic driving trails; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia contains countless sites relating to the American Civil War
4 era, including antebellum, military, civilian, African American, women's, Reconstruction,
5 and other significant history; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails is a nonprofit organization working on the
7 development of six historic driving trails in Georgia that would highlight important Civil
8 War era battles and provide a comprehensive history of the Civil War in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails has divided this state into six historic Civil
10 War era regions: the Chickamauga & Atlanta campaigns, the March to the Sea, the pursuit
11 of Jefferson Davis, Wilson's Raid, the Northeast Georgia mountains, and South Georgia's
12 agricultural bounty; and

13 WHEREAS, established in 2000, Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails has raised over
14 \$1 million in federal grants, plus hundreds of thousands more in both private and public
15 funds, to be used to create six driving trails to be used as an interactive history lesson,
16 attracting Georgia residents and visitors of all ages; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails has begun the installation of approximately
18 300 historic interpretive markers, over 2,000 roadway directional trailblazer signs, the
19 construction of several roadside parking pull-off areas, and the initial printing of over one
20 million new educational/tourist brochures with an informative website (www.gcwht.org); and

21 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails to establish Civil
22 War era attractions throughout this state is worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails for establishing six historic driving trails to
25 educate and remind the public of a war which divided this nation.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails.